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Real Estate Malpractice Insurance Report

Executive Summary

This report summarizes Missouri real estate malpractice data for 1996 to 2005. The charts, graphs and tables are limited to closed claim information and were constructed from data collected by the department as required by Section 383.060 RSMo. The premium and loss data is presented in the final section. This data was obtained from the Missouri Page 20 Supplement to the companies' annual statements.

The loss ratio for real estate malpractice in Missouri during 2005 was -59 percent. This marks the sixth time in the past ten years that the industry posted a pure profit on all premiums. The profit stems from corrections the industry has made for over-reserving on claims in previous years.

Of 124 claims closed in 2005, insurers paid an average of \$12,884 in benefits in 27 cases (22 percent). Closed claims, both with and without payments, increased substantially from 2004.

Over the last 10 years, 593 real estate malpractice claims were closed in Missouri — 138 (23 percent) with payment and 455 (77 percent) without payment.

In 2005, the average loss adjustment expense for all claims closed with payment was \$17,867. The expenses for all claims closed without payment averaged \$4,973.

In Section II, indemnities paid on closed claims are shown by claim characteristics. The number of closed claims, average paid claim and total amount paid are included in each of these six categories:

- Area of real estate in which the claims were filed.
- Major activity in which the agent was engaged when the alleged error or omission occurred.
- Alleged error or omission that was the most significant

reason for the claim.

• The legal disposition of the claim at the closing date.

• The number of years the insured had been in practice

at the time of the alleged error or omission.

• The relationship of the insured to the claimant.

Five companies reported writing real estate malpractice insurance business in Missouri

during 2005. The five writers of real estate malpractice insurance in Missouri are St Paul Fire &

Marine Insurance Co., Liberty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., United States Liability Insurance Co.,

Greenwich Insurance Co., and St Paul Guardian Insurance Co.

This report was compiled using information submitted by the insurance companies. As a

result, the accuracy of this report is dependent upon the accuracy of each company's data. Copies of

this report will be made available in braille, large print or on audio cassette upon request. Questions

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TEN YEAR SUMMARY (1996 - 2005)

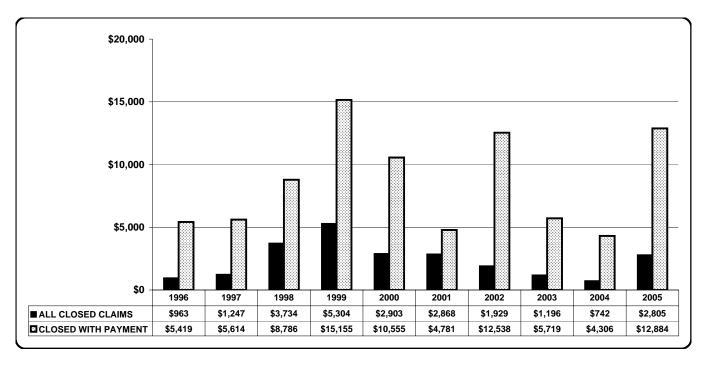
REAL ESTATE MALPRACTICE INSURANCE TEN YEAR SUMMARY

1996 - 2005

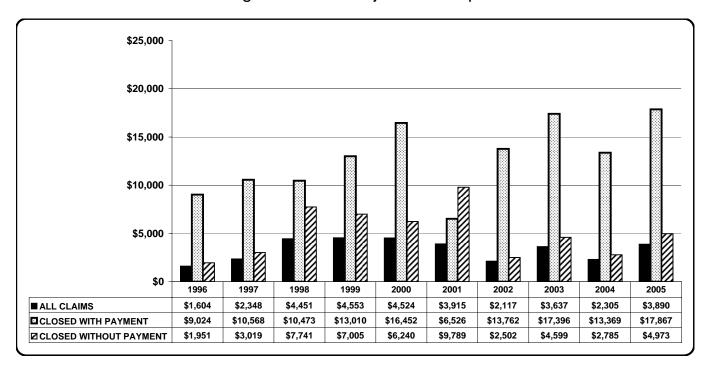
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All Closed Claims	593	100.0%	\$1,233,140	\$2,079	\$1,946,498	\$3,282
Closed with Payment	138	23.3%	\$1,233,140	\$8,936	\$1,319,983	\$9,565
Closed without Payment	455	76.7%	\$0	\$0	\$626,515	\$1,377

MISSOURI REAL ESTATE MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

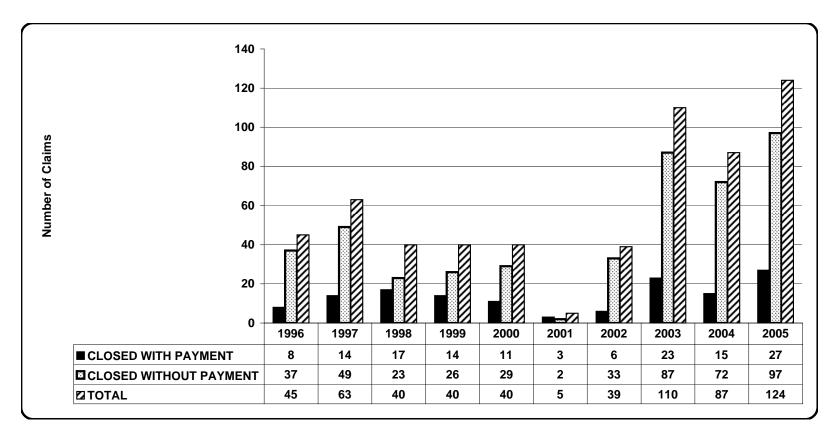
Average Paid Claim



Average Paid Loss Adjustment Expense



MISSOURI REAL ESTATE MALPRACTICE INSURANCE



FOR YEARS 1996 - 2005

AREA OF REAL ESTATE	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
AS AGENT TO PROCURE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY	491	118	85.51%	\$8,398	\$990,909	80.36%	\$3,307
AS AGENT TO PROCURE PROPERTY TO PURCHASE	102	20	14.49%	\$12,112	\$242,231	19.64%	\$3,164
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TOTAL	593	138	100.00%	\$8,936	\$1,233,140	100.00%	\$3,282

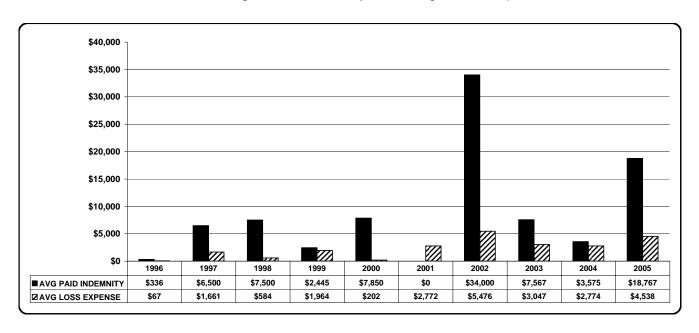
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AS AGENT TO PROCURE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY	97	21	77.78%	\$11,204	\$235,274	67.63%	\$3,710
AS AGENT TO PROCURE PROPERTY TO PURCHASE	27	6	22.22%	\$18,767	\$112,600	32.37%	\$4,538
TOTAL	124	27	100.00%	\$12,884	\$347,874	100.00%	\$3,890

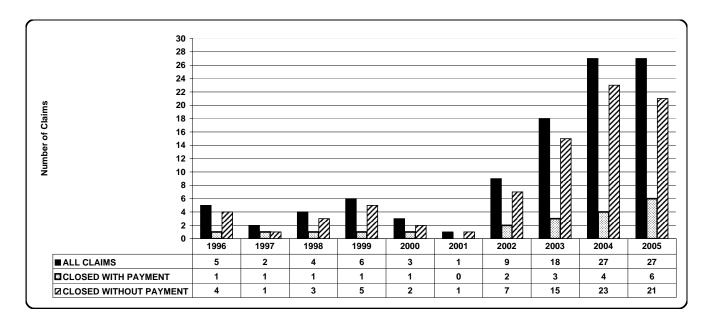
AREA OF REAL ESTATE TRENDS OF 2005

AS AGENT TO PROCURE PROPERTY TO PURCHASE

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense



Claim Count



TEN YEAR SUMMARY & 2005 SUMMARY BY MAJOR ACTIVITY

FOR YEARS 1996 - 2005

MAJOR ACTIVITY CODE	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
LISTING THE PROPERTY FOR SALE	404	91	65.94%	\$8,433	\$767,373	62.23%	\$3,198
SHOWING PROPERTY	136	32	23.19%	\$8,494	\$271,815	22.04%	\$3,157
CLOSING AND TRANSFERRING TITLE	53	15	10.87%	\$12,930	\$193,952	15.73%	\$4,247
TOTAL	593	138	100.00%	\$8,936	\$1,233,140	100.00%	\$3,282

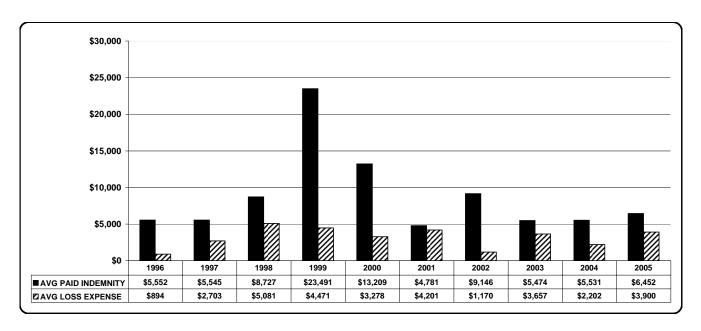
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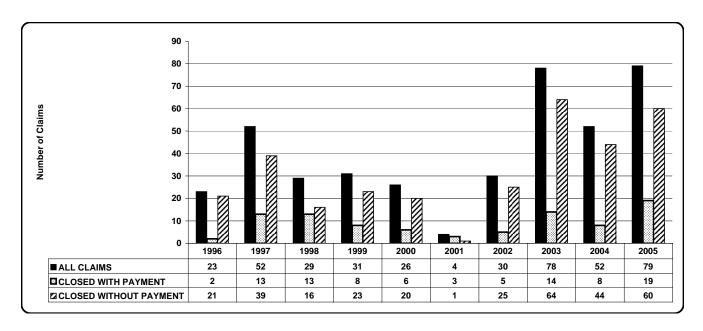
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LISTING THE PROPERTY FOR SALE	79	19	70.37%	\$6,452	\$122,588	35.24%	\$3,900
SHOWING PROPERTY	29	4	14.81%	\$21,123	\$84,490	24.29%	\$3,376
CLOSING AND TRANSFERRING TITLE	16	4	14.81%	\$35,199	\$140,796	40.47%	\$4,774
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MAJOR ACTIVITY TRENDS OF 2005

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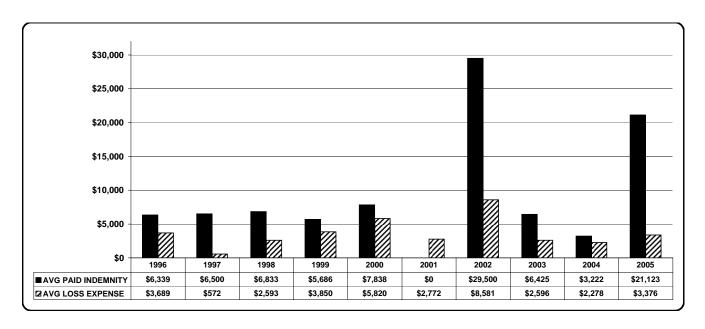
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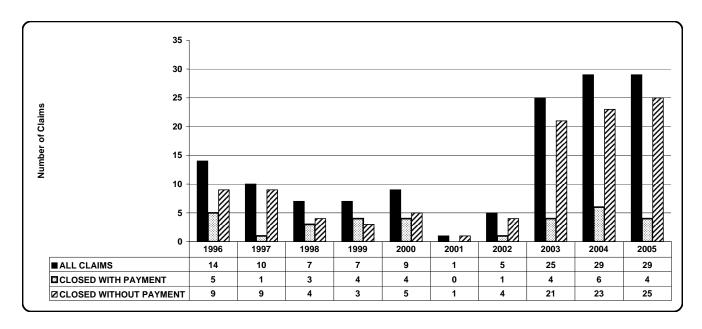




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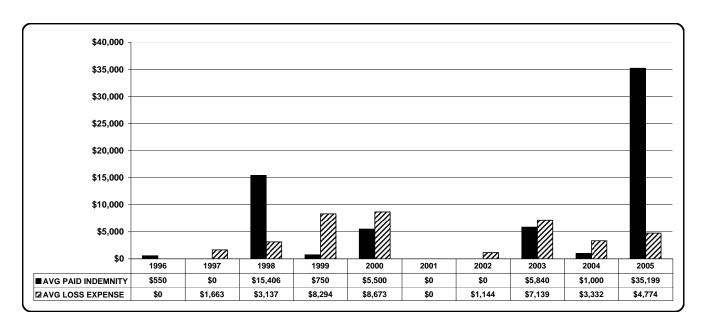
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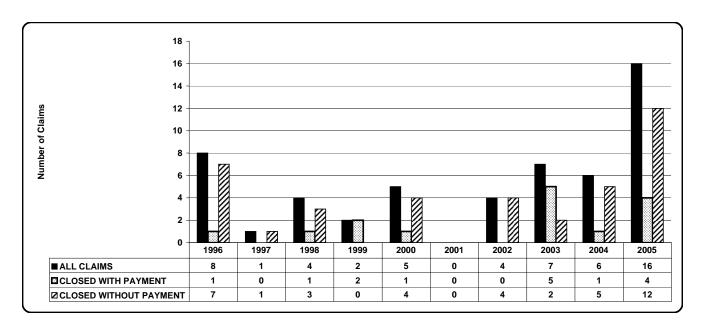




CLOSING AND TRANSFERRING TITLE

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense





TEN YEAR SUMMARY & 2005 SUMMARY BY ALLEGED ERROR OR OMISSION

FOR YEARS 1996 - 2005

ALLEGED ERROR OR OMISSION	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE MATERIAL FACT ABOUT THE PROPERTY	432	112	81.16%	\$8,017	\$897,873	72.81%	\$3,623
OTHER	127	21	15.22%	\$14,310	\$300,517	24.37%	\$2,326
FAILURE TO CORRECTLY COMPLETE FORMS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP	34	5	3.62%	\$6,950	\$34,750	2.82%	\$2,530
TOTAL	593	138	100.00%	\$8,936	\$1,233,140	100.00%	\$3,282

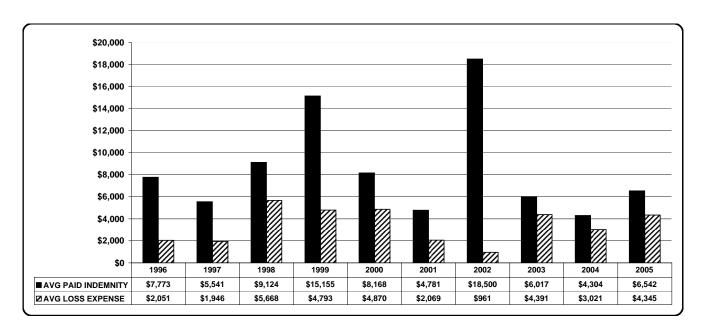
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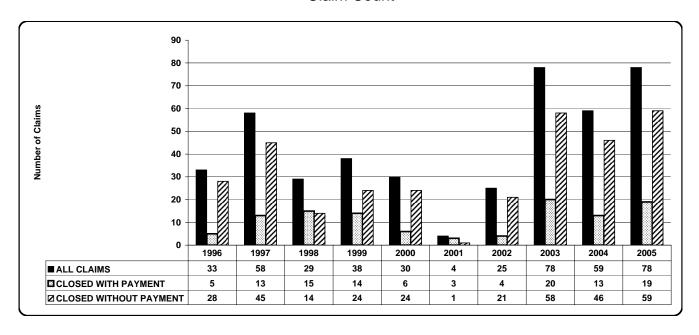
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FAILURE TO DISCLOSE MATERIAL FACT ABOUT THE							
PROPERTY	78	19	70.37%	\$6,542	\$124,304	35.73%	\$4,345
OTHER	38	7	25.93%	\$29,939	\$209,570	60.24%	\$3,181
FAILURE TO CORRECTLY COMPLETE FORMS TO							
TRANSER OWNERSHIP	8	1	3.70%	\$14,000	\$14,000	4.02%	\$2,832
TOTAL	124	27	100.00%	\$12,884	\$347,874	100.00%	\$3,890

ALLEGED ERROR OR OMISSION TRENDS OF 2005

FAILURE TO DISCLOSE MATERIAL FACT ABOUT THE PROPERTY

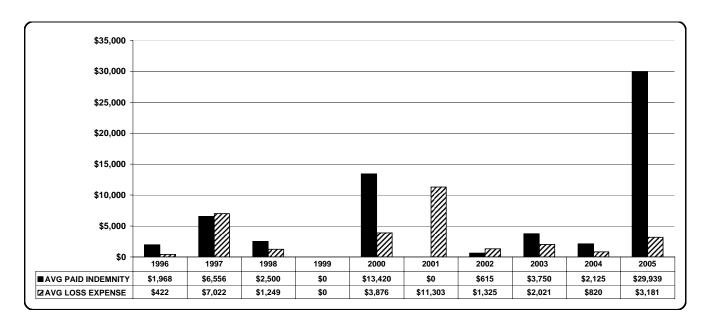
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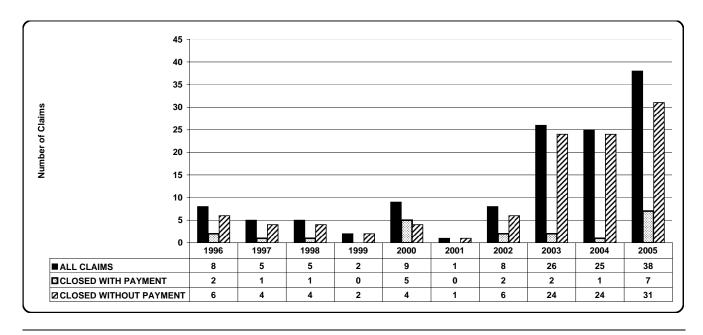




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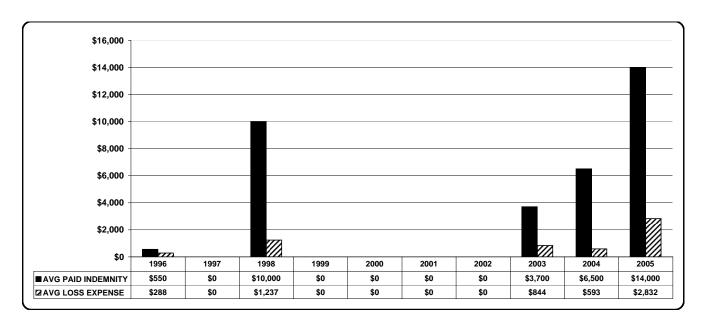
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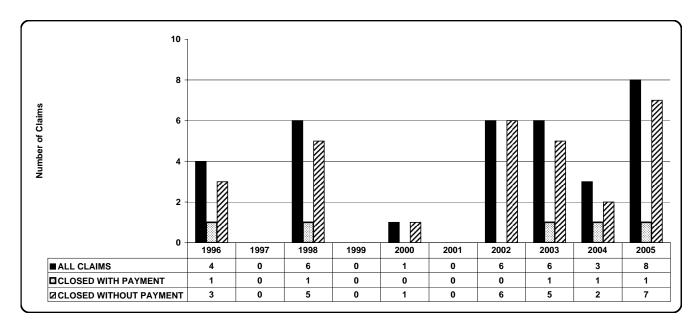




FAILURE TO CORRECTLY COMPLETE FORMS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense





TEN YEAR SUMMARY & 2005 SUMMARY BY CLAIM DISPOSITION

FOR YEARS 1996 - 2005

CLAIM DISPOSITION	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
BEFORE FILING SUIT OR DEMANDING HEARING	223	31	22.46%	\$6,768	\$209,813	17.01%	\$713
BEFORE TRIAL OR HEARING	196	98	71.01%	\$8,589	\$841,744	68.26%	\$7,254
CLAIM OR SUIT ABANDONED	136	0	0.00%	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$592
AFTER JUDGMENT, BEFORE APPEAL	26	4	2.90%	\$30,467	\$121,869	9.88%	\$8,104
DURING TRIAL OR HEARING	11	4	2.90%	\$13,554	\$54,214	4.40%	\$3,480
DURING APPEAL	1	1	0.72%	\$5,500	\$5,500	0.45%	\$36,257
TOTAL	593	138	100.00%	\$8,936	\$1,233,140	100.00%	\$3,282

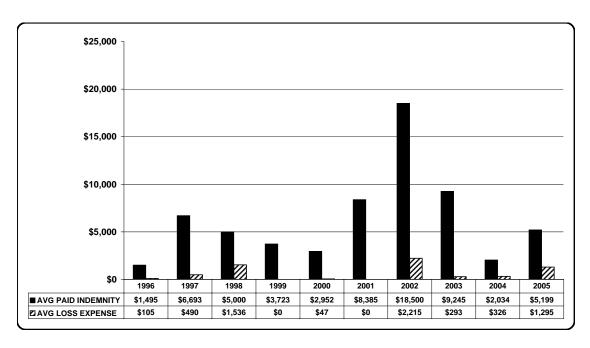
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BEFORE FILING SUIT OR DEMANDING HEARING	47	9	33.33%	\$5,199	\$46,794	13.45%	\$1,295
BEFORE TRIAL OR HEARING	40	16	59.26%	\$10,752	\$172,034	49.45%	\$8,309
CLAIM OR SUIT ABANDONED	32	0	0.00%	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$443
AFTER JUDGMENT, BEFORE APPEAL	3	1	3.70%	\$99,046	\$99,046	28.47%	\$22,716
DURING TRIAL OR HEARING	2	1	3.70%	\$30,000	\$30,000	8.62%	\$3,415
TOTAL	124	27	100.00%	\$12,884	\$347,874	100.00%	\$3,890

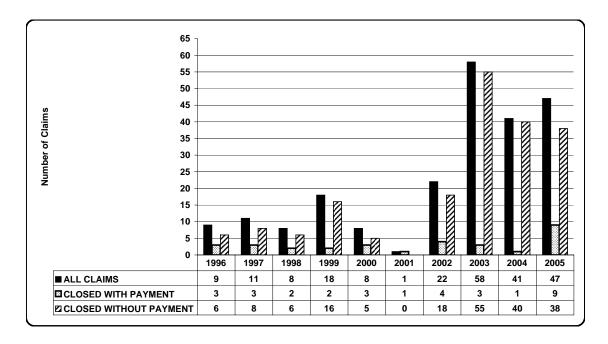
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BEFORE FILING SUIT OR DEMANDING HEARING

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense

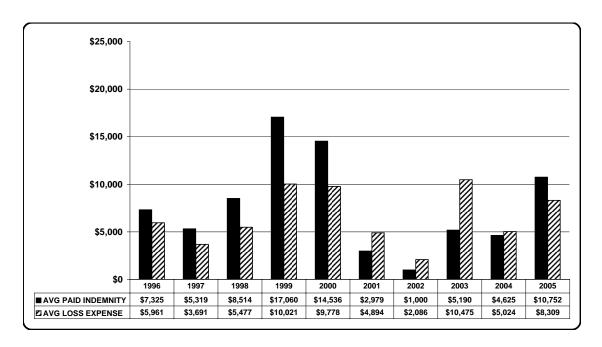


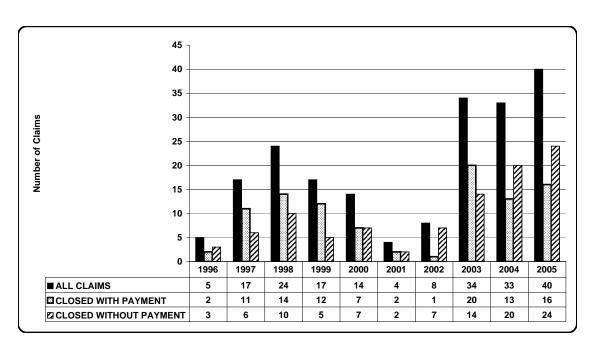
Claim Count



BEFORE TRIAL OR HEARING

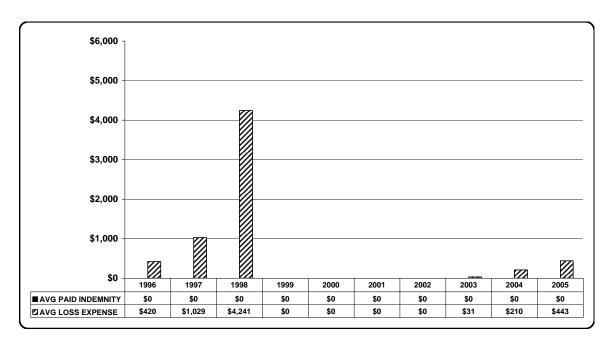
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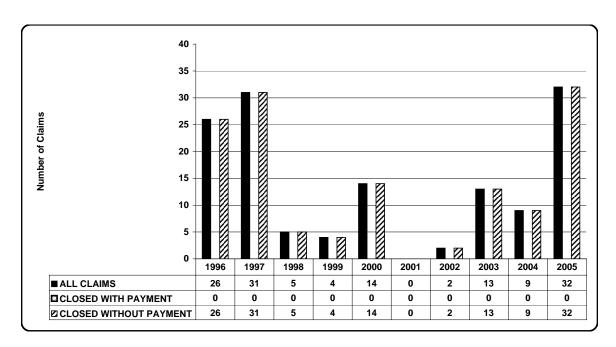


CLAIM OR SUIT ABANDONED

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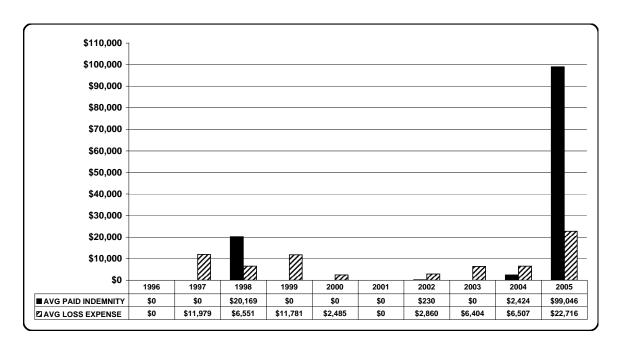


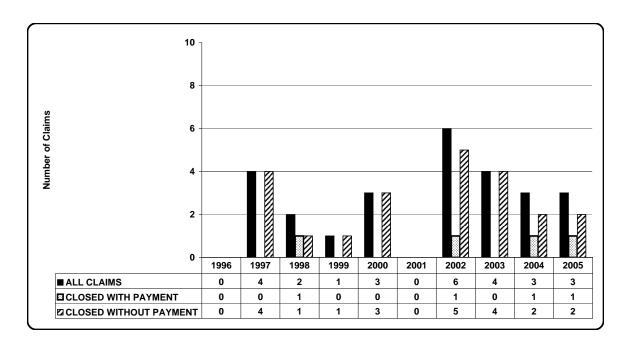
Claim Count



AFTER JUDGMENT, BEFORE APPEAL

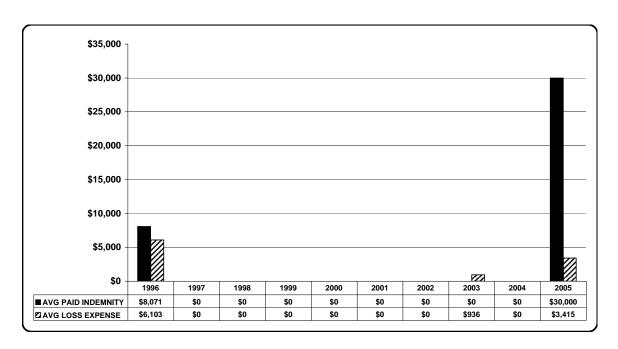
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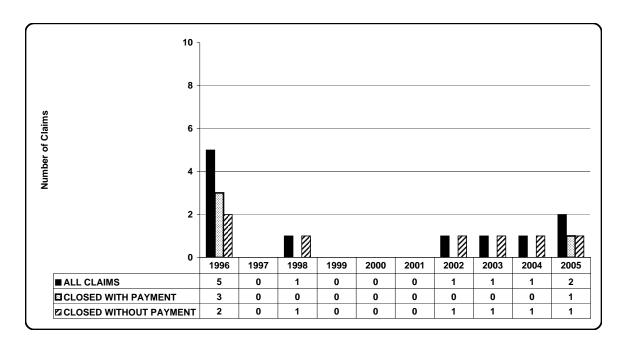




DURING TRIAL OR HEARING

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense





TEN YEAR SUMMARY & 2005 SUMMARY BY YEARS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

FOR YEARS 1996 - 2005

YEARS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
OVER 10 YEARS	375	93	67.39%	\$10,099	\$939,174	76.16%	\$3,705
4 TO 10 YEARS	178	28	20.29%	\$7,205	\$201,726	16.36%	\$2,276
UNDER 4 YEARS	39	16	11.59%	\$5,531	\$88,489	7.18%	\$3,641
NOT SPECIFIED	1	1	0.72%	\$3,751	\$3,751	0.30%	\$10,002
TOTAL	593	138	100.00%	\$8,936	\$1,233,140	100.00%	\$3,282

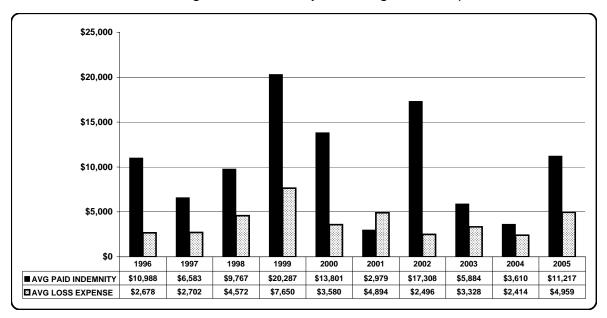
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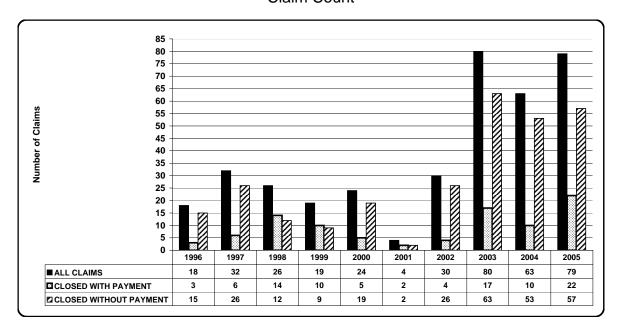
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OVER 10 YEARS	79	22	81.48%	\$11,217	\$246,774	70.94%	\$4,959
4 TO 10 YEARS	38	5	18.52%	\$20,220	\$101,100	29.06%	\$2,149
UNDER 4 YEARS	7	0	0.00%	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$1,282
TOTAL	124	27	100.00%	\$12,884	\$347,874	100.00%	\$3,890

YEARS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE TRENDS OF 2005

OVER 10 YEARS

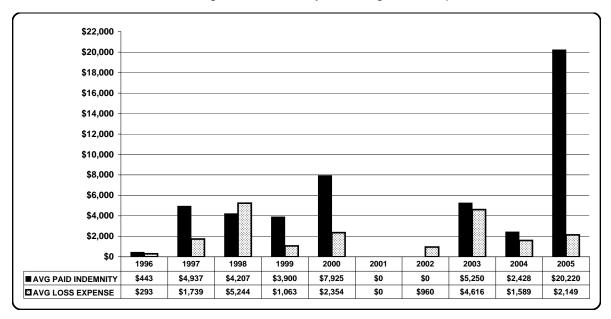
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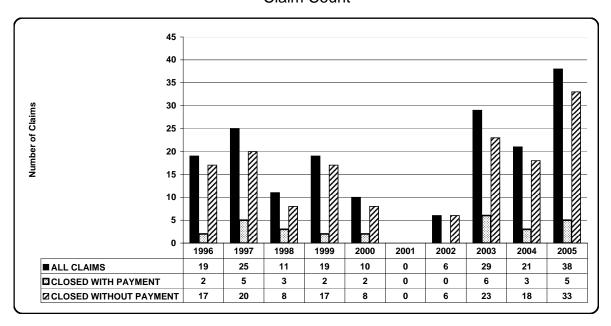




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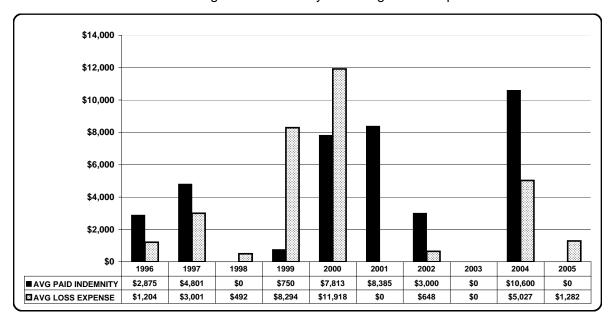
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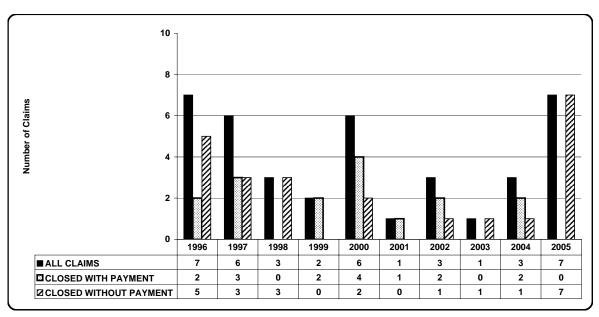




UNDER 4 YEARS

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense





TEN YEAR SUMMARY & 2005 SUMMARY BY INSURED/CLAIMANT RELATIONSHIP

FOR YEARS 1996 - 2005

INSURED'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE CLAIMANT	ALL CLOSED CLAIMS	NUMBER OF PAID CLAIMS	PERCENT OF PAID CLAIMS	AVERAGE INDEMNITY PAID PER PAID CLAIM	TOTAL INDEMNITY	PERCENT OF TOTAL INDEMNITY	AVERAGE LOSS EXPENSE FOR ALL CLOSED CLAIMS
NON-CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CLAIMANT	390	81	58.70%	\$9,372	\$759,144	61.56%	\$3,055
CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CLAIMANT	203	57	41.30%	\$8,316	\$473,996	38.44%	\$3,720
TOTAL	593	138	100.00%	\$8,936	\$1,233,140	100.00%	\$3,282

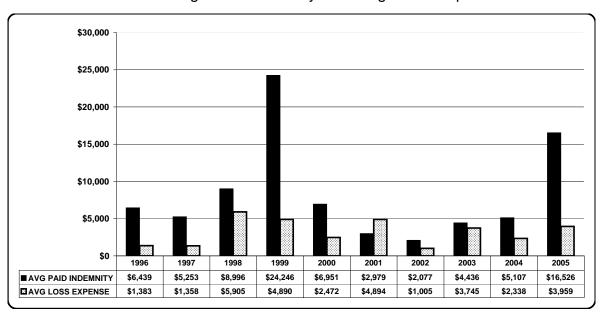
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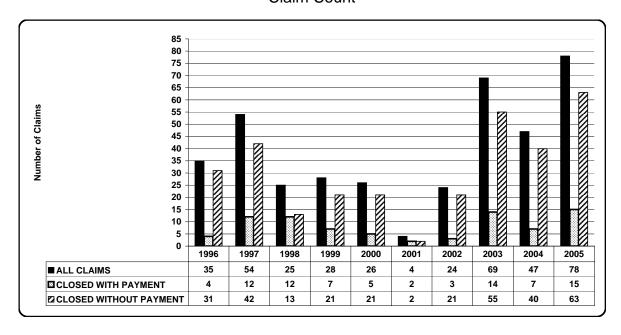
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NON-CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CLAIMANT	78	15	55.56%	\$16,526	\$247,884	71.26%	\$3,959
CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CLAIMANT	46	12	44.44%	\$8,333	\$99,990	28.74%	\$3,774
TOTAL	124	27	100.00%	\$12,884	\$347,874	100.00%	\$3,890

INSURED/CLAIMANT RELATIONSHIP TRENDS OF 2005

NON-CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CLAIMANT

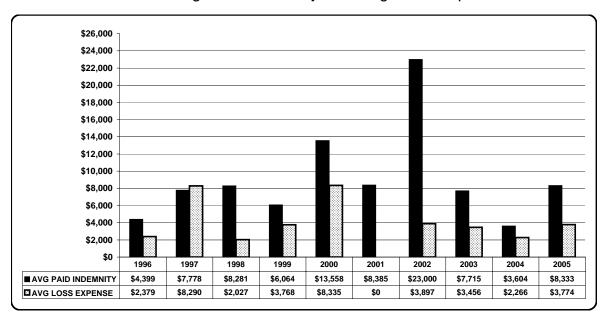
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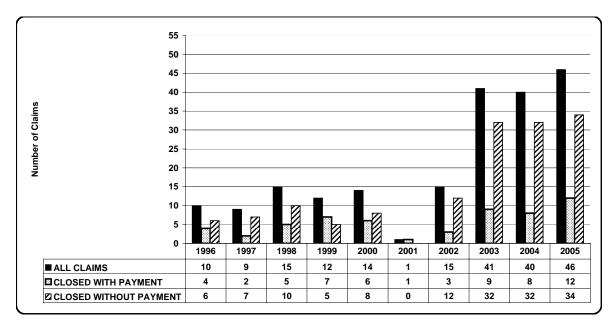




CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CLAIMANT

Average Paid Indemnity & Average Loss Expense





PREMIUM AND LOSS DATA

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2005 EXPERIENCE

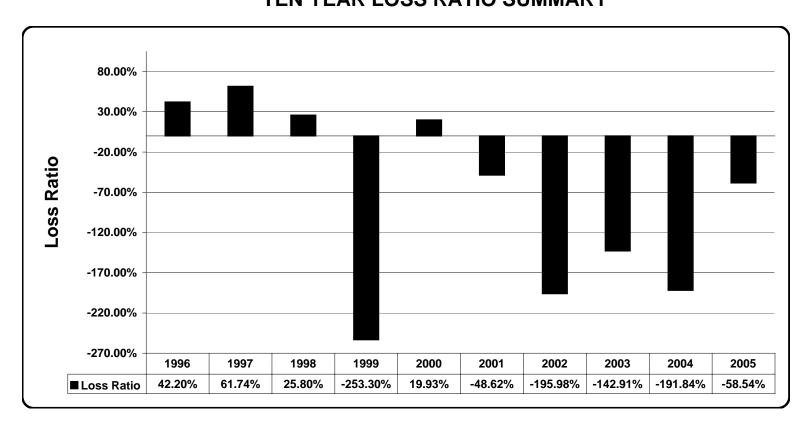
NAIC Company Code	Company Name	Market Share	Written Premium	Earned Premium	Incurred Losses	Loss Ratio
24767	ST PAUL FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE CO	-32.06%	¢200 720	\$250.775	\$155,823	59,98%
=			\$280,739	\$259,775	. /	
19917	LIBERTY INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS INC.	-29.23%	\$255,989	\$255,324	-\$13,776	-5.40%
25895	UNITED STATES LIABILITY INSURANCE CO	-13.08%	\$114,561	\$103,854	\$18,001	17.33%
22322	GREENWICH INSURANCE COMPANY	-12.19%	\$106,777	\$115,861	\$25,965	22.41%
24775	ST PAUL GUARDIAN INSURANCE COMPANY	-0.13%	\$1,161	\$1,064	\$1,573	147.84%
21296	COMMERCIAL GUARANTY CASUALTY INS CO	0.00%	\$0	\$0	\$5,633	N/A
22136	GREAT AMERICAN INS COMPANY OF NEW YORK	0.00%	\$0	\$0	-\$18,472	N/A
20443	CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY	186.70%	-\$1,634,945	-\$1,641,264	\$355,258	-21.65%
a	TOTAL	100.00%	-\$875,718	-\$905,386	\$530,005	-58.54%

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TEN YEAR SUMMARY

Year	Written Premium	Earned Premium	Incurred Losses	Loss Ratio
1996	\$657,869	\$686,562	\$289,707	42.20%
1997	\$619,604	\$651,641	\$402,297	61.74%
1998	\$1,559,815	\$1,688,776	\$435,667	25.80%
1999	\$412,988	\$117,643	-\$297,986	-253.30%
2000	\$450,419	\$80,699	\$16,082	19.93%
2001	\$627,684	-\$274,156	\$133,283	-48.62%
2002	\$1,106,459	-\$86,912	\$170,332	-195.98%
2003	\$1,502,753	-\$545,691	\$779,853	-142.91%
2004	\$2,195,145	-\$537,235	\$1,030,640	-191.84%
2005	-\$875,718	-\$905,386	\$530,005	-58.54%
10-Year Total	\$8,257,018	\$875,941	\$3,489,880	398.41%

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

Market Share: The dollar amount of direct premium written by an insurer divided by the total amount of direct premiums written industry-wide for the particular line of business being analyzed, expressed as a percentage.

Written Premium: Amount charged when a policyholder contracts for insurance coverage before reinsurance has been ceded and/or assumed.

Earned Premium: The part of premium attributable to the coverage already provided in a given period before reinsurance has been ceded and/or assumed.

Incurred Losses: The sum of direct losses paid plus an estimate at the close of the year of the amounts to be paid in the future for all claims arising from the current and all prior years, minus the corresponding estimate made at the close of business for the preceding year. Incurred losses reported include estimated amounts unpaid for incurred-but-not-reported (IBNR) claims.

Loss Ratio: The dollar amount of direct losses incurred divided by the dollar amount of premiums earned for the particular line of business being analyzed, expressed as a percentage. This is an accounting representation of the portion of each premium dollar which is needed to honor a company's promise to pay claims.

Indemnity Paid: The sum of all payments made during the year for the benefit of insurance claimants, before reinsurance has been ceded and/or assumed. These payments include amounts paid in the current year for claims arising from the current year. Hence, this item is not a measure of the actual cost of current coverages, but only of current cash flows.

Loss Adjustment Expenses: The cost involved in an insurance companies adjustment of losses under a policy.

